

REMARKS

Claims 14-30 are pending in this application. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's remarks that these claims are allowable. To further expedite allowance of these claims, Applicants have canceled claims 31-45 without prejudice even though Applicants disagree with the Examiner's grounds for rejecting them. The cancellation of these claims should not be construed as an admission concerning the validity of this rejection.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the present amendments and remarks still do not resolve all of the issues regarding patentability of the pending claims, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any remaining issues.

No fees are believed to be due at this time. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Swidler Berlin Shereff Friedman, LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 20002.0093.

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